



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1847, **Agenda Item #:** 16.

5/6/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to an agreement with Austin/Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Integral Care to provide rapid rehousing services to individuals experiencing homelessness for a 16-month period ending September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,704,112.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

January 23, 2020 - Council authorized Amendment No. 2 with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, dba Integral Care, to expand homeless services in an amount not to exceed \$204,112, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,204,112, on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Adler absent.

November 29, 2018 - Council authorized a 10-month agreement with Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, dba Integral Care, to provide homeless rapid re-housing services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 with four 12-month extension options, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will authorize Austin Public Health to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to an agreement with Integral Care to provide rapid re-housing services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

For the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget, Council approved new homeless services funding with rapid re-housing designated as one of the primary purposes for it. On April 20, 2018, Austin Public Health issued a competitive Request for Applications (RFA No. RR2018TPS) with a deadline of May 18, 2018 and received four applications. The objective of this competitive solicitation was to establish one or more agreements with qualified nonprofits or government entities for the provision of rapid re-housing services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness. Three applicants were awarded agreements that began July 1, 2018.

In the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Operating Budget, an additional \$400,000 was allocated for rapid re-housing services. Integral Care was the fourth applicant of RFA No. RR2018TPS and was recommended to receive additional funding for a new program called Rapid Recovery: Shelter to Housing. The original 10-month

agreement term began December 1, 2018, for \$400,000, with four 12-month extension options. Amendment No. 1 exercised the first of four authorized extension options, adding \$400,000 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019. Amendment No. 2 added \$204,112 for the 12-month term through September 30, 2019. Amendment No. 3 exercised the second extension option, adding \$400,000 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2020.

On August 4, 2020, the Homelessness Working Group provided recommendations to Council that included investing in homelessness for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for \$6.5 million in Permanent Supportive Housing services and/or other services, such as rapid re-housing, required by the Homelessness Investment and Expansion Plan. This funding for Integral Care is a part of the recommendation regarding rapid re-housing.

On February 4, 2021, Council approved Resolution No. 20210204-049 directing the City Manager to develop and implement the Housing-Focused Homeless Encampment Assistance Link (HEAL) initiative to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and services in identified areas. Amendment No. 4 will be part of the implementation of the HEAL initiative in the community.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.